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In re:

PET FOOD PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION MDL Docket No. 1850

Civil Action No. 07-2867 (NLH/AMD)

Civil Action No. 07-4137 (NLH/AMD)

To: William T. Walsh, Clerk
Susan Bush, Deputy Clerk
United States District Court
for the District of New Jersey
Mitchell H. Cohen Building & U.S. Courthouse
4th & Cooper Streets, Room 1050
Camden, New Jersey 08101

#### MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant, Nutro Products, Inc. ("Nutro"), respectfully requests that the Court grant it leave to substitute Lindsay R. Pennington of the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP as a counsel of record for the Company in place of Charles H. Abbott III, also an attorney at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP:

- 1. Nutro has been represented in this case by Charles H. Abbott III, William E. Wegner, and Gary L. Justice, attorneys with the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP.
- 2. Nutro desires to continue to retain the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP as counsel of record in the above captioned case with Mr. Wegner and Mr. Justice remaining as counsel of record. Nutro also desires to substitute as counsel of record Lindsay R. Pennington for Charles H. Abbott III. Ms. Pennington is a licensed member in good standing of the State Bar of California, State Bar No. 249879. Although Mr. Abbott remains an attorney with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, and continues to be a member in good standing with the State Bar of California, he will no longer be working on the cases captioned *In re: Pet Food Products Liability Litigation*, Civil Action No. 07-2867, and *Lois Grady et al. v. Menu Foods Income Fund et al.*, Civil Action No. 07-4137.
- 3. Nutro further requests that all correspondence from the Court be directed to Ms. Pennington at the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, 333 South Grand Avenue, 47th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90071, lpcnnington@gibsondunn.com.

Nutro does not seek this substitution for purposes of delay, and the substitution will not cause any delay in the resolution of this matter.

THEREFORE, Nutro and its present counsel of record respectfully request that the Court grant this motion, and permit Lindsay R. Pennington to substitute immediately as counsel of record in place of Charles H. Abbott III.

Dated:

September 13, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 13 day of September 2007 true and correct copies of the foregoing Motion for Substitution of Counsel, Notice of Appearance and [Proposed] Order for Substitution of Counsel were served via US Mail, postage paid, on all attorneys listed on the Panel Attorney Service List.

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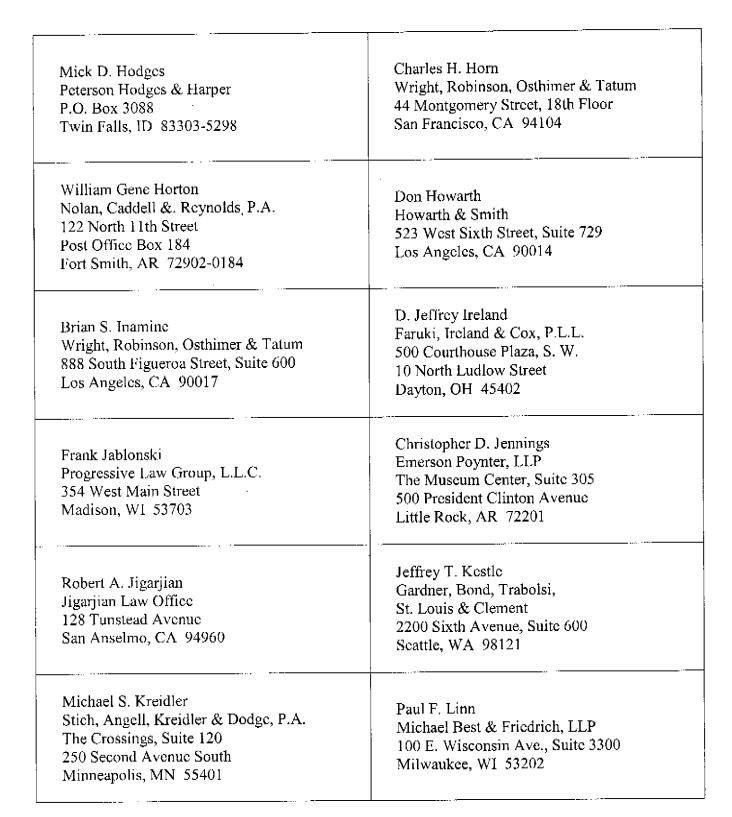
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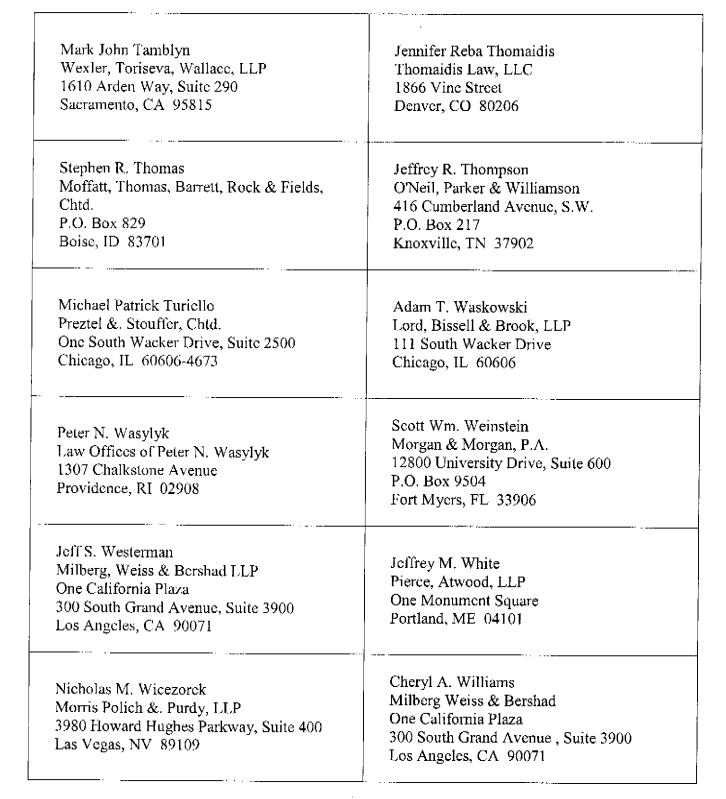
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